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Reds' Purposes Revealed In 'Penkovskiy Papers'

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So many reviews have been written of "The Penkovskiy Papers" that one more would seem unnecessary. Yet the fact is, none of them has gotten the simple gist of Penkovskiy's message to free people across to them. So here it is: you can't do business with communism.

Oleg Penkovskiy was a Russian army colonel of military intelligence whose decision to throw his strength for the cause of freedom cost him his life. His reports have been published as "The Penkovskiy Papers" by Doubleday, with an introduction and commentary by Frank Gibney.

According to Gibney, before Soviet counterintelligence caught up with him Penkovskiy passed on to British and American agencies some 5,000 separate photographed items of secret military, political and economic intelligence. About 300 Soviet intelligence personnel were compromised, and consequently shifted around after his apprehension.

Most startling but not most important of Penkovskiy's disclosures was the explosion of a missile engine powered by nuclear energy, killing the Soviet chief of

missile forces, Marshal Nedelin, and over 300 other people.

Although the accident took place in October 1960, and the CIA must have received Penkovskiy's report on or before August 1962, the world at large did not get the truth of the story until this fall, when "The Penkovskiy Papers" were published. Prior to that time the Soviet official version was accepted; Nedelin and a number of others were killed in an air accident.

The most important part of the reports serves merely to confirm what realists have long known. The Soviet leadership waves the banners of peaceful coexistence mainly to disarm the free world while preparing to destroy it.

"We spy everywhere," Penkovskiy said; and later, "But even the ordinary American, untutored in intelligence, will understand what we conceal under the wing of the United Nations." How wrong he was.

Among other things, Penkovskiy debunked the idea of "exchange" of scientific information between the Communist and free worlds. "The way things stand now, when visiting the U.S., Canada, or any European country, we travel freely around these countries, see everything we wish to see, and steal all the secrets needed by us.

"But when foreign delegations visit the U.S.S.R., they encounter all sorts of restrictions and are sent only to those places where we want them to go. What do we let them see? Only that which is of no value."

Having given his life to tell us these things, on the other side of the grave Penkovskiy must marvel that our government continues to push "co-operative" programs with the Soviet. We seek understandings or joint programs in the use of atomic energy and space despite wide experience demonstrating that the Communists will violate any such understandings, and will use them as one-way streets for espionage and subversion whenever profitable.